

## II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): An automotive airbag device ~~comprising~~  
comprising:

a side impact ~~an~~ airbag having an interior part formed by joining  
mutually facing ~~fabric-like material pieces~~ fabric layers,

a gas generator ~~an inflator part~~ used to inflate said airbag part by  
injecting gas therein, said ~~inflator part~~ gas generator having an insertion end  
~~part~~ which is inserted into and disposed within a gas guide of the airbag  
configured to direct the flow of gas from said gas generator into said airbag,  
~~said airbag part,~~

~~a gas guide part which directs the flow of gas from said inflator part into~~  
~~said airbag part,~~

the gas guide including a ~~pouch-like~~ gas guide member having an  
attachment orifice into which said insertion end ~~part~~ of said ~~inflator part~~ gas  
generator is inserted, and also including gas injection nozzles facing the  
interior ~~internal region~~ of said airbag ~~part~~, and

a convex seam formed by a mutually joined part of said ~~fabric-like~~  
~~material pieces~~ fabric layers, said convex seam disposed in opposition to said  
gas guide member ~~part~~, wherein

said gas flowing into said airbag ~~part~~ from said ~~inflator part~~ gas  
generator, when said airbag ~~part~~ is being inflated, causes said gas guide

member to come into contact with said convex seam.

2. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1, wherein said gas guide member includes a gas discharge tube ~~part~~ which includes said gas injection nozzles, and said gas discharge tube comes into contact with said convex seam in response to the inflation of said airbag ~~part~~ so as to change the direction of gas flow into said airbag ~~part~~ from said ~~inflator part~~ gas generator through said gas guide member ~~part~~.

3. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein at least one gas injection nozzle of said gas guide member is formed over each side of a protrusion ~~part~~ of said convex seam.

4. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to ~~any of claim 3, claims 1 through 3,~~ wherein said convex seam is approximately triangular in shape and said protrusion ~~part~~ thereof is disposed facing said gas guide ~~part~~ member in close proximity.

5. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein a region of said gas discharge tube between said gas discharge nozzles comes into contact with and straddles two inclined sides of said protrusion ~~part~~ of said convex seam during the time that said airbag is being inflated.

6. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to ~~any of claims 1 through 5~~ claim 2, wherein the width of said convex seam facing said gas guide member is from 80 to 120% the width of said gas discharge tube of said gas guide member.

7. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to ~~any of claims 1 through 6~~, claim 1, wherein the clearance between said gas guide member and said convex seam is less than 20mm.

8. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to ~~any of claims 1 through 7~~ claim 1, wherein said gas guide member is made from an expandable material.

9. (Currently Amended): The automotive airbag device according to claim 8, wherein the flow of gas through said gas guide member causes said member to elongate, in a direction toward said convex seam, a distance at least 5mm greater than ~~the~~ a clearance therebetween.